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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's allowance of claims 10-19 is respectfully acknowledged. Claims 10-14, 16, 18 and 19 have been amended to make some minor grammatical improvements and to correct some minor antecedent basis problems. No new matter has been added, and no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendments to claims 10-14, 16, 18 and 19 be approved and entered.

THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 has been amended to correct a minor informality of which the undersigned has become aware. Submitted herewith is a corrected sheet of formal drawing which incorporates the amendments and an annotated sheet showing the changes made thereto.

THE REJECTED CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the features of the present invention whereby the camera comprises an optical sensor which detects a luminance value of an average brightness at a

wavelength area different from a photometric wavelength area detected by the average photometric sensor at the photographic screen, as supported by the disclosure of the specification at page 13, lines 9-12; and whereby the camera comprises a subject field state judgment section which determines a state of a subject field including the subject by comparing the average luminance value with the luminance value detected by the optical sensor, as supported by the disclosure in the specification at page 13, lines 12-15. It is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1 fully complies with the requirements of 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and it is respectfully requested that the rejection thereunder be withdrawn.

In addition, claims 1-8 have been amended to correct some minor informalities, including all of the informalities pointed out by the Examiner, as well as to make some minor grammatical improvements and to correct some minor antecedent basis problems.

New claim 34 has been added to recite the feature of the present invention whereby the optical sensor is adapted to receive a signal from a remote control unit to operate the camera by remote control, as supported by the disclosure in the specification at page 13, lines 10 and 11.

And new claim 35 has been added to recite the features of the present invention recited in claims 3 and 34 whereby the sensor array generates a distance measuring image signal and the

infrared sensor is adapted to receive the signal from the remote control unit to operate the camera by remote control.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to claims 1-8 and the addition of claims 34 and 35 be approved and entered.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that Nakahara does not disclose, teach or suggest the features of the present invention as recited in clarified amended claim 1. In fact, as recognized by the Examiner on page 4 of the Office Action, none of the prior art of record discloses the feature of the present invention as recited in claim 10 and in clarified amended claim 1 whereby an exposure control determining section determines exposure control during photographing based on the average luminance value and results of determinations of the subject state judgment section and the subject field state judgment section.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that clarified amended claim 1, and claims 2-8, 34 and 35 depending therefrom, along with allowed claims 10-19, now all patentably distinguish over USP 6,195,509 to Nakahara, under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

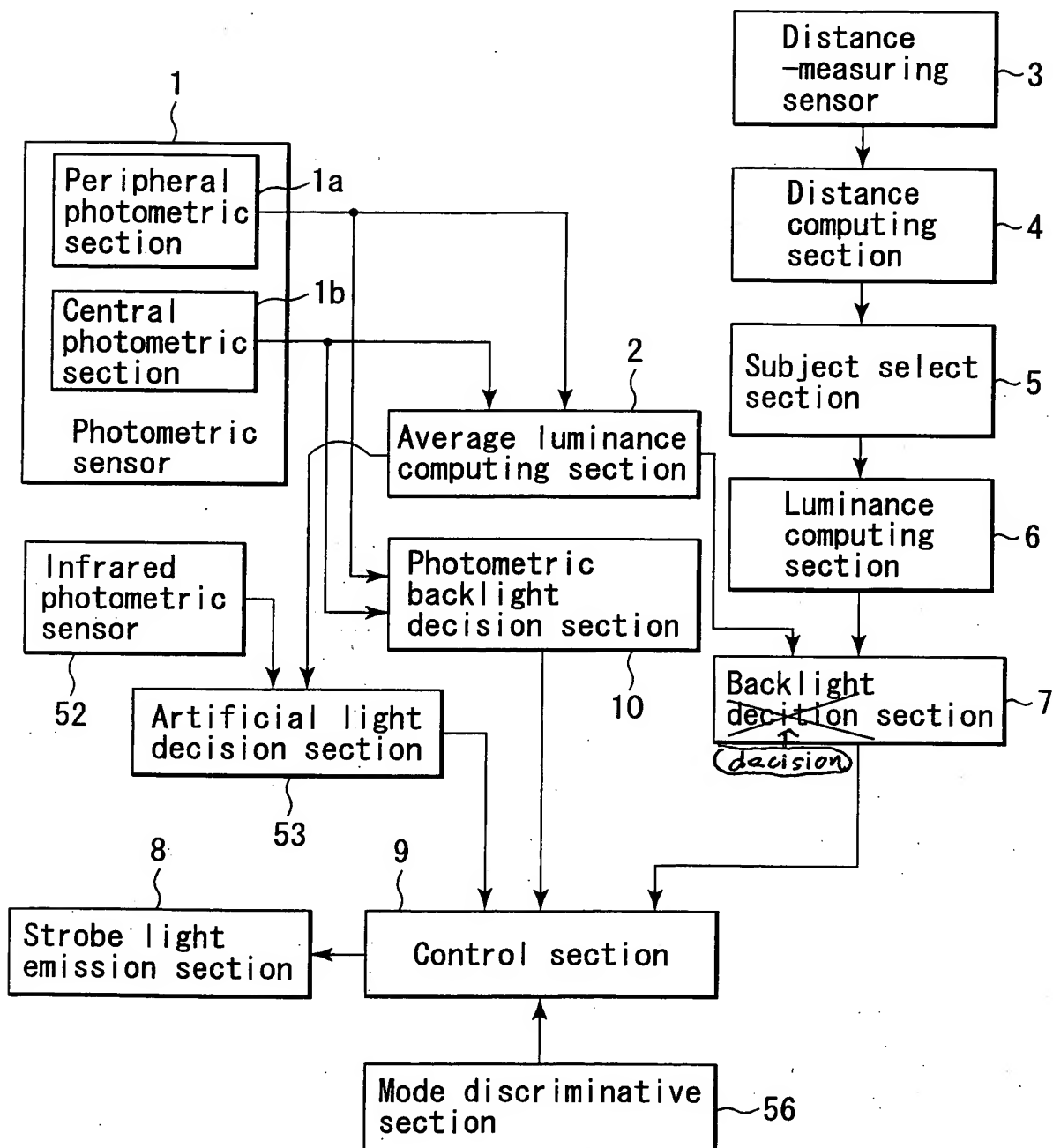


FIG. 1